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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0422

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SHUM, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: DETENTION OF PETER MANNING

REF: CAPE TOWN 0176,

1. REFTEL REPORTED JANUARY 9 DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE TERRORISM ACT OF WHITE SWAPO MEMBER PETER MANNING. ON FEB. 21, THE EMBASSY WAS APPROACHED BY A FRIEND OF MANNINGS, BRITISH NATIONAL ANNE MARIE HUDSON, WITH A REQUEST THAT WE INTERVENE WITH THE SAG ON MANNING'S BEHALF.

2. ACCORDING TO HUDSON, MANNING IS A SOUTH AFRICAN CITIZEN WHO FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN A MEMBER AND PAID FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF SWAPO IN WINDHOEK. HUDSON BELIEVES THAT MANNING RAN AFOUL OF SA AUTHORITIES AS A RESULT OF HIS EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE ALLEGATIONS OF TORTURE BY THE  
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SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE IN OVAMBO. HUDSON HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT MANNING ONCE BRIEFLY, AND SAID HE APPEARED WELL, BUT TOLD OF BEING KEPT NAKED IN HIS CELL. HUDSON SAID SHE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF SWA, WHO TOLD HER THAT MANNING WOULD PROBABLY BE CHARGED BY FEB. 20. SHE SUSPECTS THAT THE CHARGE, IF INDEED FORTHCOMING, WILL BE UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS

ACTS AND WILL RELATE TO HIS EFFORTS TO PUBLICIZE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE SADF.

3. HUDSON SAID SHE WAS TRYING TO STIR UP RENEWED PUBLIC INTEREST IN MANNING'S CASE. SHE ADDED THAT SHE HAD WRITTEN TO ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY. SHE SAID THAT SWAPO HAD PAID FOR HER TRIP TO CAPE TOWN TO VISIT THE EMBASSIES OF THE FIVE WESTERN CONTACT GROUP MEMBERS. (THE BRITISH EMBASSY CONFIRMS THAT HUDSON CALLED ON THEM. THEY DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE ANY ACTION ON MANNING'S CASE.) HUDSON IS ALSO TRYING TO STIR UP PRESS INTEREST.

4. WINDHOEK SOURCES CONFIRM THAT MANNING IS LIKELY SOON TO BE CHARGED UNDER THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT. IN THIS CONNECTION, ANGLICAN VICAR GENERAL ED MORROW TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THE POLICE CONFISCATION OF TYPEWRITERS FROM HIS HOUSE ON FEB. 23 (CAPE TOWN 343, NOTAL) WAS RELATED TO THE MANNING CASE. MANNING, HE SAID, HAD STAYED WITH THEM, AND THE POLICE WERE PRESUMABLY TRYING TO ESTABLISH A CONNECTION BETWEEN MANNING AND A DOCUMENT IN THEIR POSSESSION.

5. AS OF MARCH 1, MANNING HAD NOT YET BEEN CHARGED. BOWDLER

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